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TAGS SNAR CO

SUBJ: PAYMENT FOR AIRCRAFT RENTAL REPAIR

REF STATE 70983

FOR AMB VANCE FROM AMB

1. DECISION (REFTEL) PRECLUDING USE FY73 CUSTOMS PROAG FUNDS
FINANCE RENTAL AND REPAIRS TO ACFT CHARTERED FOR NARE CUSTOMS
NARCOTICS INTERDICTION OP POSES SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THIS MISSION.
IN EFFECT WE NOW FACE A TOTAL OF 3100 DOLS IN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATINS
FOR AIRCRAFT RENTAL AND SUBSEQUENT REPAIRS NOT RPT NOT COVERED
UNDER CHARTER COMPANY'S INSURANCE POLICIES. THESE OBLIGATIONS
WERE UNDERTAKEN IN GOOD FAITH WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT "OTHER
COST" FUNDING INCLUDED IN THE FY73 CUSTOMS PROAG COULD BE USED
DEFRAY HIGH PRIORITY NARCOTICS INTERDICTION TRANSPORT EXPENSES.
REFTEL WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT SOME DOLS 1700 ALREADY PAID
OUT OF PROAG FUNDS FOR AIRCRAFT MUST BE REIMBURSED. AND, WE
ARE STILL FACED WITH OUTSTANDING BILL FOR 1300 DOLS IN AIRCRAFT
REPAIRS.

2. IT IS OBVIOUSLY NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE US TO IGNORE
OR DENY THESE OBLIGATIONS FOR TO DO EITHER WOULD RISK RENEWED
PUBLIC CONTROVERSY OVER THIS INCIDENT. I, THEREFORE, REQUEST
THAT S/NM COVER THESE OBLIGATIONS FROM ANY OTHER SOURCES IT MAY
HAVE AVAILABLE AND ADVISE US ACCORDINGLY IN ORDER THAT WE MAY
CLOSE THE BOOKS ON THE NARE INCIDENT ONCE AND FOR ALL. VAKY
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